

Dovey Learns About School Nurses



We hope you enjoy *The Adventures of Dovey and Friends* as she learns about the many ways nurses make a difference at school. Brought to you by BAYADA, this is the second in a series of educational stories that highlight the amazing work nurses and other health care clinicians do through the journeys of the people they help.

Hey Jake!
How was school today?

Hi Dovey!

It was okay, but I fell in gym class and got hurt.

Oh no, I'm sorry to hear that!
Are you okay?

I didn't get a concussion or anything, but I scraped my knee. Our school nurse, Maria, cleaned it up with this stuff that foams, then she put some goop on it and covered it with a bandage. I felt better after that, but I missed the rest of dodge ball.

Nurse Maria is friendly and helpful. And she does other stuff too, like giving vision and hearing tests and helping me when my belly is upset.

Tell me more!

Well, my little sister Madison has seizures from time to time. She has this thing called a stimulator inside her chest, and when she gets a seizure, Nurse Maria swipes it with a magnet. She stays with her until the seizure stops and then calls our parents to let them know what happened.

Wow! Your sister is really brave, and **Nurse Maria sounds like a superhero.**

Madison is an awesome little sister. **I'm glad Nurse Maria is there to help.**

1. Who was the first school nurse?

Nurse Maria also helps my friend Eric, too. He has allergies to certain foods. When he has a reaction, she gives him a special medicine— **Nurse Maria can literally save his life...**

2. How many kids in the U.S. have food allergies?

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...and my friend Andrew from art class, who has special needs, has his own nurse at school. **Nurse Dan helps Andrew eat, get around, and take his medications.** We've become good friends, and when I see them in the hall, Nurse Dan always high fives me!

It sounds like Nurse Maria and Nurse Dan help your friends get through the day, healthy and safe. **Thanks for teaching me about school nurses!**

Definitely!
Well, I've got to go, but I promise to come by and visit again soon.